

**R E M A R K S**

In response to the pending Office Action, Applicants have amended Fig. 19 so as to correct the spelling errors in Fig. 19. In addition, claims 18 and 20 have been rewritten into independent format, including all elements of the underlying base claims. As claims 18 and 20 were indicated to be allowable if amended in this manner, it is respectfully submitted that claims 18 and 20, and claims 22-25, which depend on claims 18 and 20, are now in condition for allowance.

Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication for which is respectfully solicited.

If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

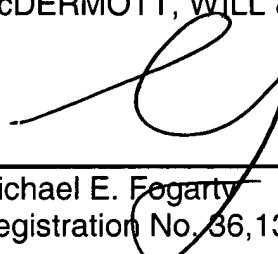
Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any addition fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0417.

Respectfully submitted,

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